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Dear Mr. Hille:

Would you be kind enough to investigate the meaning of Paper # 6 "FILE MARKED LOST"?

We are also disturbed to note that the PTO replicated WIPO's error by swapping the numbers of the priority documents, in spite of the fact that we set forth the correct data in our Application Data Sheet (copy enclosed).

It is apparent upon inspection, by anyone familiar with the German patent system, that DE 199 45 313.6 was filed before DE 199 49 693.5, namely on 22 SEP 1999 and 15 OCT. 1999, respectively. This is confirmed by bibliographic datasheets from Patentanwalt Raible's file.

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Sincerely yours,

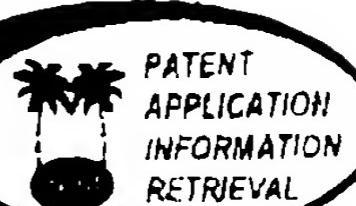
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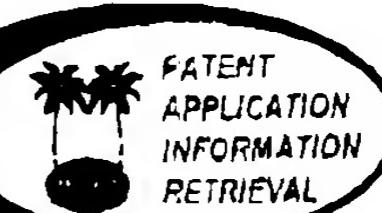
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